

think, as I told Senator Vard Johnson, who was sitting here waiting for the votes to be counted, that there is a need for this because many times I am not in Lincoln when these folks are here. They would like to meet with some state officials. They would like to see what the state has to offer and to explain what positive things this state has relative to agriculture and I'm sure to the other areas, such as industry and business. So I support it wholeheartedly because I think that it recognizes that Nebraska has to be a leader on its own in recognizing the importance of international trade and diplomacy. And I'm very pleased that Senator Johnson has brought this to our attention and I plan on supporting it throughout the process.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will support this amendment to the bill but I rise then to say that we have bills on the green sheet that are dying on the vine, who have slogged their way through General File and Select File, who have been amended by this body, and while it is a time-honored tradition that towards the end of the session, in the days that I was first here John DeCamp would bring these motions, the successor to that tradition has become Vard Johnson and I, for one, think that there are bills that have had the test of public scrutiny and floor debate that should take priority. I am going to be voting no, not against the protocol issue, for which, by the way, I think the Governor could easily take care of this through an executive order, but because many of us have ideas that have a much better history and much more work from the body, which may never be heard because of these kinds of end runs in the eleventh hour. If we continue to reward this kind of an end run, we will get more of them. Now, I sat here and did it for Bernice Labedz, just a few minutes ago; on the other hand, heart attack victims in Omaha are a little more important than a protocol office for state visitors which could be handled through other means if we simply had some ingenuity. I'm going to vote no on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, did you wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Marsh. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on ceasing debate,